Construction of Rail line Beyond Kumarghat

2089. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that most of the construction work of the rail line on a 20 kms stretch on Kumarghat-Agartala sector, beyond Kumarghat upto Manu, is nearing completion;

(b) whether sufficient funds have been allocated so that the work is not delayed;

(c) whether Government propose to fix a dealing for commissioning of this part of the line, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) The earthwork and bridges on Kumarghat-Manu section on Kumarghat-Agartala project is in progress and expected to be completed during 2002-03.

(b) The funds have been allocated as per availability of resources.

(c) No dead line for commissioning of this part of line has yet been fixed.

(d) Does not arise.

Progress of Railtel Project

2090. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the progress made so far about Railways Rail Tel Project for a 62,000 km. trade network, to bring low connectivity to PCs in all corners of India, has been miserably below expectations;

(b) whether the Rail Tel Corporation of India Limited, launched in 2000, has been without a head and the only permanent Rail Tel Official at a senior level is the Company Secretary, aided by Directors (Finance and Projects) who are just OSDs; and